

**Greenfield-14 Mile Signal Winning OK**  
 A proposed traffic signal at the Greenfield-14 Mile intersection won Birmingham city approval this week. City commissioners agreed to stand 25 per cent of installation and maintenance costs. Annual care will run \$120. Royal Oak is expected to approve its 25 per cent participation. Oakland county road commission would pay the other half.

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**People's Column Protests Printing Of Editorial On U.S. High Court**

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
 Your recent request for letters to the Editor was unnecessary in this particular instance. Your editorial of Thursday, January 9th, entitled "Nine Men Against America," should bring on a flood of letters.

This reprint from the weekly, HUMAN EVENTS, is as biased and misleading a collection of anecdotes as I have seen in a long time. Before I had finished the first column, I identified the piece as having originated with John T. Flynn.

Mr. Flynn is certainly entitled to his opinions and should be at liberty to disseminate them widely. However, I question the wisdom of reprinting such material in the Eccentric; it is an insult to the intelligence of your readers.

THERE IS little in America as we know it today that John T. Flynn is not against. I have seen little of his writings in recent years but his record has been one of continuous protest against all political, economic and social reforms, many of which have become firmly anchored in the Republican Party Platform.

As I am not an authority on civil liberties, I cannot adequately explain or defend the legal implications of the recent Supreme Court ruling concerning communists in the United States.

As a citizen, however, I can appreciate one cardinal principle — one which the founders of this Republic understood full well: that to deny any man the right to his beliefs might lead to the loss of the right to your beliefs.

THIS PRINCIPLE is as pertinent today as it was 175 years ago. I recall that 175 years ago we did not face the grave perils we face today. But one thing is certain: We will never beat the Russians through acts of suppression. If we cannot come up with positive, creative ideas and acts, in the true American tradition, we may as well admit defeat right now.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter and the editorial in question to Chief Justice Earl Warren of the United States Supreme Court. If I am so fortunate as to be honored with a reply, I trust you will have the courtesy to publish the other side of the story.

William Lyman  
 5385 Hickory Bend,  
 Birmingham

(Editor's Note: Indeed, Mr. Lyman, The Eccentric will be pleased to publish the reply you hope to receive from Chief Justice Warren, just as we have published your letter above. Only through the discussion of all sides of a question can the general public become best informed. That's why we reprinted "Nine Men Against America." Thanks, too, for your vigorous letter.)

**Troy Is Interested In Water Proposal**  
 TROY — The city commission Monday voted to sign a Southwestern Michigan Water authority resolution indicating the city's interest in a water main to bring water from Lake Huron.

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**Gets Higher Rank**

Joseph S. Daiek, left, 1114 Trowbridge, Bloomfield Hills, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the army reserves. Right is Major General Clyde E. Dougherty of Detroit, commanding general of the 20th infantry division. Daiek is sales manager of Terns Steel Co., Detroit. He saw active duty in World War II from 1941 to 1945 and has been in the reserve program since January 1946.

**BITS OF BIRMINGHAM**

ANYONE GO to a Christmas party where a drunken parakeet was among the celebrants? If that party happened, and is doing right now in Oakland county. A copy of this folder will be distributed to every family in the city, to bring the local polo story home to them.

Last year alone, the bill for Oakland county polo topped \$2,701. There are now a total of 765 cases on the rolls of the local chapter.

A survey of post-polo cases within the county was made last week by the March of Dimes headquarters plan a new rehabilitation program for the thousands of crippled by polo in pre-Salk days.

This program, which the 1958 March will support, seeks to make good the pledge of Basil O'Connor that, "We will not leave our wounded on the field of battle."

**Tighten Parking Rules on Two Main Streets**

Tighter no parking restrictions on two arterial highways were adopted this week by Birmingham city commission to speed traffic movement.

There will be no parking on Southfield between 14th and 14 1/2 Mile. Parking is to be removed from the entire east side of Adams, and on the west side from Haynes north. To permit businesses to find off-street parking areas, parking will be permitted temporarily on the west side south from Haynes.

These laws are in line with county road commission policy that it will not share widening costs if parking is permitted.

**Special Art Show**  
 Cranbrook Academy of Art Instructor Whitney Stevin is showing his paintings at the Cranbrook Art Museum Saturday and Sunday. This exhibit will lead to a master of arts degree from the academy.

**Files Complaint Against Buses' Noise, Odors**

With the Birmingham city attorney's assistance, John G. Kirnich, 716 Forest, went to municipal court yesterday to sign a complaint against the Greyhound company for making too much noise and obnoxious diesel oil fumes.

Kirnich represented 39 residents of the Forest-Hunter area who say they have been kept awake many nights by the noise of bus motors in the storage lot at that corner.

KIRNICH'S daughter, Pauline, told city commissioners Monday that one night the fumes were so bad she was even afraid to go to sleep.

Mayor William Roberts told the audience the city has tried a number of times in more than a year to end this nuisance.

City Attorney James Howlett is designed to prevent such problems. He said each violation could bring a \$100 fine and 30 days in jail or both.

**Mothers March Against Polio On Wednesday**  
 (See picture on Page 1-A)

Area leaders for Birmingham last night received their marching orders for the 1958 Mother's March against polio, set for next Wednesday. More than a month's organization has recruited a force of 500 mothers for the big one day drive.

At last night's meeting at the Community House, the Rev. Horton Hodgeson, Chairman of the Oakland County Chapter of the National Foundation, reminded local leaders of the theme of the "58 drive: "Survival is not enough!" for the thousands of post-polio children and adults.

Mrs. John Wilkinson, chairman of the Mother's March, predicted the Birmingham would again give generously to support local programs of treatment and rehabilitation of our post-polio population.

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**Nance Heads Ford's New M-E-L Division**

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Nance, in his new post, will have complete charge of four of the company's United States-made divisions—Continental, Lincoln, Mercury and Edsel—and of the marketing of the English Ford line.

HE HAS BEEN vice president and general manager of the former Lincoln and Mercury division.

**Joins Air Reserves**  
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